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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 35.0 degrees, 6.9 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, November 19. Precipitation averaged 0.11 inches, 0.59 inches below normal.

Reporters rated 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, November 17. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	4.8	4.2	147.2
1999	NA	6.6	NA
1995-1999 Average	NA	5.0	NA

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	4	85	10
Last Week	0	8	81	11

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

Corn advanced seven points to 90 percent harvested. This is twelve days behind 1999 but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Tobacco** stripped progressed two points to 45 percent complete, compared to 37 percent stripped last year at this time. **Winter wheat** is 97 percent emerged. This is eight days behind last year but about the same as the 1995-99 average.

2000 CROP SUMMARY

Ohio's **corn** crop was 95 percent planted on May 21. This was two days ahead of 1999 and three weeks ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn was 99 percent emerged on June 11, on schedule with 1999 but 18 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Farmers began harvesting corn for silage around August 13 and finished around October 29. This ending date was about twelve days behind last year but ten days ahead of the 1995-99 average. One percent of corn was harvested for grain on September 17, eleven days behind 1999 and five days behind the 1995-99 average. The corn harvest is currently wrapping up about twelve days behind last year but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Soybeans were one percent planted on April 23, two days behind the 1995-99 average. Planting was 95 percent complete on June 25, 29 days behind 1999 and one day behind the 1995-99 average. Planting was delayed by rainy, cool conditions throughout the state, and many soybean fields had to be replanted more than one time. Soybeans were 95 percent emerged on July 2. This was eight days behind 1999 but three days ahead of the 1995-99 average. The soybean harvest began around September 17 and progressed to 96 percent complete on November 12.

Winter wheat jointed was nine percent complete by April 2, four days ahead of 1999 and about one week ahead of the 1995-99 average. The winter wheat harvest began on June 25, three days behind 1999. The harvest was 99 percent complete on July 23, on schedule with 1999 and about 10 days ahead of the five-year average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting was five percent complete on May 14, about three days behind 1999. Alfalfa hay 1st cutting progressed very slowly due to wet weather conditions, and was 98 percent complete on July 9. This was 21 days behind 1999 and three days behind the 1995-99 average. Second cutting alfalfa finished up about twelve days behind last year, and third cutting ended up about five days behind 1999. **Other hay** cuttings followed a similar pattern. First cutting hay was three percent complete on May 14, three days behind 1999. Second cutting was 97 percent complete on September 10, one week behind last year. Third cutting other hay was 95 percent complete on October 22, nineteen days behind 1999 and twelve days behind the 1995-99 average.

Oats planted began about two days ahead of 1999 and ended about on schedule with last year. Oats were nine percent emerged by April 9, two days ahead of 1999 and five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. The harvest began around July 9, four days behind last year. The oat harvest ended about nine days behind 1999 but two days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

This is the last Crop Weather release for the 2000 season. The staff of the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service thanks all of our faithful reporters who took time from their busy schedules to provide us with the data and comments that make this report possible. We also thank the reporters and readers who made valuable suggestions for improving our weekly report. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and we hope to hear from you again in the spring!

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	90	99	86	83	95
Tobacco stripped	45	37	NA	43	NA
Winter wheat emerged	97	100	97	94	79

The OASS extends a special thank-you to the following reporters who completed 32 or more reports (out of 34) during the 2000 crop weather reporting season:

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PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	26	57	11
Previous Week	1	6	27	51	15
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WHEAT					
Current Week	1	1	13	58	27
Previous Week	0	1	14	63	22
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER INFORMATION TABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	35.1	-5.5	0.37	-0.39	29.88	5.57	0	-14	3223	43
North Central	34.7	-6.3	0.10	-0.60	30.08	5.01	0	-14	3103	-31
Northeast	34.4	-6.5	0.10	-0.63	26.63	0.09	0	-14	2915	-60
West Central	34.9	-6.6	0.18	-0.55	30.04	4.44	0	-17	3359	36
Central	34.7	-7.2	0.05	-0.63	28.67	2.02	0	-18	3381	9
Central Hills	33.9	-7.0	0.04	-0.62	27.71	1.17	0	-16	3074	-42
Northeast Hills	33.9	-7.7	0.05	-0.59	27.05	0.71	1	-16	3038	-139
Southwest	35.5	-7.7	0.10	-0.67	30.25	2.72	0	-21	3520	-35
South Central	36.4	-7.4	0.03	-0.64	26.03	-0.97	2	-24	3636	22
Southeast	35.2	-7.4	0.05	-0.61	24.49	-2.45	2	-20	3389	-6
STATE	35.0	-6.9	0.11	-0.59	28.04	1.77	1	-18	3287	-15

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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